



The Poll-Bill,

As to be given in Charge.

THe first Meeting of the Commissioners is to be on or before the Fourteenth day of *February* next; There they agree to divide themselves into the several Divisions of the County. And at the same first Meeting they are to send out their Warrants into all the parts of the County, summoning Inhabitants, High-Constables, &c. as they think fit, to appear before the said Commissioners in their several Divisions, at such time and place as by their Warrant they shall appoint, within eight days after their first Meeting.

At their second Meeting they are to give in Charge the Act; which, for the better dispatch, is in brief here set down.

WHereas by an Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act for raising Money by a Poll, and otherwise, towards the Maintenance of the present War*; It is provided, That all and every person and persons (Excepting only such as receive alms from the Parish, and the children of any person remaining in his or her family, who by reason of their poverty doth not contribute to the Rates for Church and Poor, and who are under the age of sixteen years) shall pay unto His Majesty the sum of Twelve pence; And that over and above the said sum of Twelve pence, all persons and Bodies Politick

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and Corporate, having personal Estate in Debts or ready Moneys, which he or they do not account desperate, over and besides such Debts as they shall *bona fide* owe, shall pay for every Hundred pounds thereof, the sum of Twenty shillings; Except Moneys lent, or to be lent to His Majesty upon Security of any Act passed, or to be passed by this present Parliament. And that all persons having any Office or publick Employment, who are taxed to the Monethly Assessment in respect thereof, their Deputies, Clerks and Substitutes, shall pay unto His Majesty the sum of Twelve pence for every Twenty shillings, which shall be rated and paid in the place where the Office is executed: And for such Offices and Employments as are not so taxed to the Monethly Assessment, the sum of Three shillings for every Twenty shillings accruing to them by such Office in one year, allowing one third part of the profits thereof towards the charge of executing such Office. And that all persons having any yearly Pension or Stipend from His Majesty, under his Great or Privy Seal, shall pay unto His Majesty for every Twenty shillings thereof received in one year, the sum of Three shillings. And that all Serjeants at Law, Councillors, Attornies, Solicitors, and Scriveners, and all Advocates, Proctors, and publick Notaries, and all persons practising Physick, shall pay unto his Majesty for every Twenty shillings which they receive by their practice in one Year, the sum of Two shillings, allowing one third part thereof towards their Charge. And that every Servant receiving yearly Wages, shall pay out of every Twenty shillings thereof, the sum of Twelve pence (except for Board-wages.) All Aliens to pay double.

And that every person of the degree of a Duke of *England, Scotland or Ireland*, residing within this Kingdom, shall pay to his Majesty the sum of Fifty pounds: Of the degree of a Marquess of either of the said Kingdoms, Forty pounds: Of the degree of an Earl of either of the said Kingdoms, Thirty pounds: Of the degree of a Viscount of either of the said Kingdoms, Twenty five pounds: Of the degree of a Baron of either of the said Kingdoms, Twenty pounds. Every eldest Son of a Duke of *England, Scotland, or Ireland*, residing within this Kingdom, and being of the age of one and twenty years, Thirty pounds: Every eldest Son of a Marquess of any of the said three Kingdoms, Twenty five pounds: Of an Earl, Twenty pounds: Of a Viscount, Seventeen pounds Ten shillings: Of a Baron, Fifteen pounds: And every person of the degree of a Baronet of any of the said three Kingdoms, and residing within this Kingdom, the sum of Fifteen pounds: Of the degree of a Knight of the Order of the *Bath*, Fifteen pounds: Of a Knight Bachelor, Ten

Ten pounds : Of a Seijeant at Law, Ten pounds: Of an Esquire,
 Five pounds: Of the degree of a Gentleman, having an Estate
 of the value of Three hundred pounds or more, Twenty shillings,
 though a Minor. And every Widow respectively to pay one
 third part rated by this Act upon her Husbands degree, except
 the Widows of Ecclesiastical persons. And that every person
 of the degree of a Dean, shall pay the sum of Ten pounds: Of
 the degree of an Archdeacon, Forty shillings: Of the degree
 of a Canon or Prebend, his Prebend being not rated in the *Ex-*
chequer at above Thirty pounds, the sum of Fifty shillings: And
 every person of the degree of a Doctor in Divinity (having a
 Benefice) and Doctor of Law or Physick, the sum of Five
 pounds.

These are therefore to require and command You, on or be-
 fore the First day of *March* next, to make and return unto Us
 in Writing, one perfect Certificate of the Names and Surnames,
 Qualities, Dignities and Titles of all and every the Persons
 dwelling or residing within your respective Parishes; taking
 care that no person chargeable as aforesaid be omitted; and that
 every person be assessed for his Poll, Personal Estate in Debts
 or ready money, Office, Employments, Wages, Pension from
 the King, and Title; or as many of these as every single per-
 son is subject unto; And to assess every of them accordingly,
 without Concealment, Love, Favour, ~~Prejudice~~, or Malice, upon
 pain of forfeiture of Five pounds for every default: Together
 with the Names of two or more sufficient persons within your re-
 spective Parishes or Places, to be Collectors of the Money so as-
 sessed by vertue of the said Act; for whom the Parish is to be
 answerable. In the Execution whereof you are to be careful.
 And hereof fail not, at your peril.

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 by this Bill, in
 the House of
 Commons, was
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 which is to be
 applied unto
 the War.

Upon the Return of the Certificate and Assessments, then
 the Commissioners are to issue out their Warrants unto the
 Collectors to levy all the moneys charged on every person so
 assessed; and to require them to make Demand of the Parties
 themselves at the places of their last abode, within six dayes
 after the receipt of the Estreat; and to levy and pay the same
 unto the High-Collector, on or before the Eighth day of *April*
 1667. And if the Commissioners, or any three or more of
 them see cause, they shall and may examine the Presenters
 thereof, and alter the Assessment, taking care that every per-
 son be assessed for his best Title only, and for as many other Ca-
 pacities as he is chargeable withal. The said Commissioners
 are empowered to authorize the High-Collector to distrain the

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Sub-Collector in case of failure on his part; And to require the High-Collector to pay in the full Sum to be by him paid unto the Receiver-general, before the Fifteenth Day of *April* next. And the Receiver-general to pay his whole Collection before the Thirtieth day of *April* next. And the Commissioners are further required, That a Duplicate of the whole Sum charged within every Hundred, Parish, or Place assessed, without naming the persons, shall be returned into the *Exchequer* before the Twentieth day of *April* next; All Appeals being first determined; wherein the Party by Oath may discharge himself: And a like Duplicate unto the Receiver-general and Head-Collectors, according unto their respective Collections; That all the money may be paid into the *Exchequer* by the time aforesaid. But for such persons as shall prove Defaulters; they are personally to be returned into the *Exchequer*; there to be proceeded with; &c.

In the SAVOY,

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